

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for the manufacturing of a masking member made of a thermoplastic resin, comprising ; the preparation of a mold using the CAD data relating to the design of the part which is subject to masking, and the preparation of a thermoplastic resin mold with which to form a specific masking member to protect said area.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method for the manufacturing of the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 1, wherein said masking member is manufactured by vacuum and/or pressure forming a thermoplastic resin sheet.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin masking member of ~~Claim 1 or 2~~ Claim 1, wherein said masking member is trimmed by a robot operated using the trimming position data obtained from said CAD data after the molding of said masking member.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 3, wherein said masking member is fixed to, and trimmed on a jig having a surface shape corresponding to that of said masking member.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 4, wherein said masking member is fixed to said jig by vacuum suction.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 4, wherein said masking member is fixed to said jig magnetically.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of Claim 4, wherein said masking member is fixed to said jig with adhesive tape.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of ~~Claims 1-7~~ Claim 1, wherein said masking member is trimmed with an ultrasonic vibration knife.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin masking member of ~~Claims 1-7~~ Claim 1, wherein said masking member is trimmed with a water jet cutter.